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WENDY K. TAM CHO, BRIAN J. GAINES,
AND THE *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*

An article by Barry C. Burden and David C. Kimball entitled “A New Approach to the Study of Ticket Splitting” was published in the September 1998 issue of the *American Political Science Review*. The empirical part of the article made use of an ecological inference technique developed by Gary King in his book, *A Solution to the Ecological Inference Problem* (Princeton University Press, 1997). As the Burden-Kimball paper was going to press, Wendy K. Tam Cho and Brian J. Gaines submitted a critique of it to the *APSR* using data publicly archived by Burden and Kimball at the ICPSR. The Cho-Gaines paper criticized many aspects of the Burden-Kimball article, but focused primarily on the use of King's ecological inference method. The Cho-Gaines paper survived the review process and was accepted for publication, at which point the *APSR* Editor, Ada Finifter, permitted Burden-Kimball and King to submit responses. These responses made use of replication datasets provided by Cho and Gaines (but not available to their reviewers) and went through the review process as well. Both papers discredited the Cho-Gaines critique, but the Burden-Kimball paper also revealed that Cho and Gaines had failed to replicate Burden and Kimball’s analysis as they had claimed. This led Finifter to pull the Cho-Gaines paper from the publication pipeline and publish none of the papers. The following statement was offered to *Review* readers:

“Because of inaccuracies discovered during the prepublication process, ‘Reassessing the Study of Split-Ticket Voting,’ by Wendy K. Tam Cho and Brian J. Gaines, previously listed as forthcoming, has been withdrawn from publication” (December 2001 *APSR*).

This archive contains the material necessary for those who wish to review the entire case. The 56 files provided here include the Cho-Gaines paper and the rebuttals by Burden-Kimball and King, replication datasets provided by Cho and Gaines, and a decision letter from Finifter.

Introductory Material

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Papers

CG.PDF Cho-Gaines paper withdrawn from the *APSR*
BK.PDF Burden-Kimball response to Cho-Gaines paper
KING.PDF King response to Cho-Gaines paper
JP.PDF Johnston-Pattie contribution to the debate
AM.PDF Altman-McDonald contribution to the debate
FINIFTER.PDF Final decision letter from *APSR* Editor Ada Finifter

Cho-Gaines Replication Buffers

BKDATx.FMT Cho-Gaines 10 first run replication files (Table A-1 in CG.PDF)
BKDATxR2.FMT Cho-Gaines 10 second run replication files (Table A-1 in CG.PDF)

Burden-Kimball Raw Data

DOCU.TXT Burden-Kimball original documentation (from ICPSR)
HOUSE.TXT Burden-Kimball original House dataset (from ICPSR)
HOUSE2.TXT Burden-Kimball House dataset with typographical errors corrected

Burden-Kimball Replication Buffers

REPxA.FMT Burden-Kimball 10 first run replication files (Table 1 of BK.PDF)
REPxB.FMT Burden-Kimball 10 second run replication files (Table 1 of BK.PDF)
DIST88xA.FMT Burden-Kimball 3 first run replication files (Table 2 of BK.PDF)
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Software

EI and EzI are available free of charge at <<http://gking.harvard.edu>>. Note that the buffer files above (with FMT extensions) are only accessible on Windows machines.

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